

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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April 15th marks the last day of reading room service in the Alaska State Library's State Office Building reading room. In other moving related, State Library news:

We're moving! Information Services, Historical Collections, and The Talking Book Center are moving into the new Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building (APK).

The new building is located at the old Alaska State Museum site.

- Information Services: 10–4:30 Monday—Friday through **April 15th**
- Historical Collections: Reference Desk hours — Thursdays & Fridays — 1–4:30 p.m. (across the atrium in Information Services) through **April 15th**
- The Talking Book Center permanently moves to Juneau after **May 13th**

As of April 18th, all library services will be available via our website, email, and phone. Check back for news of our Grand Opening at 395 Whittier Street on June 6th.

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NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

GRANT ENABLES CRAIG PUBLIC LIBRARY TO EXPAND EARLY LITERACY CENTER

The Craig Public Library has received \$2,129.01 from the Reuben E. Crossett Endowed Alaskan Fund, to expand the library's early literacy center. The grant funds will be used create Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematic (STEM) backpacks, which will be made available to patrons and their families. STEM backpacks will be created for two different age groups: birth to two years old and three to five year olds. These backpacks will contain materials and activity guides which encourage children to explore their environment, weather, plants, and animals specific to Southeast Alaska. These backpacks will promote outdoor activities for the entire family and thus promote healthier lifestyles in the community.

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We'd like to pass along a message from someone studying how libraries serve older adults:

I am studying how rural libraries serve older adults. I would love to learn how more about how the libraries in your area serve older adults.

While I put information about this survey on the Association for Rural and Small Libraries listserv, some rural libraries may not be members of it. Would you be willing to share information about this survey with rural librarians in your area? I would like to get information from libraries in as many states and provinces as possible.

Here's the link to take the survey:

<https://survey.uwyo.edu/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=n4K2mnlM1>.

Thank you!

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PUBLIC LIBRARIES FIGHTING HOMELESSNESS

Efforts by larger libraries around the country to work with homeless patrons are examined in a new Pew Charitable Trusts "Stateline" blog post:

Enlisting Public Libraries to Help Fight Homelessness

April 04, 2016 By Sophie Quinton

<http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2016/04/04/enlisting-public-libraries-to-help-fight-homelessness>

Approaches vary from greeting all patrons with respect all the way through hiring a social worker.

WEBINAR 5/4: PROJECT OUTCOME FOR SMALL/RURAL LIBRARIES

If you find that statistics are not enough in telling the story of what your library brings to your community, you may want to consider finding out about using outcomes to advocate for your library. The Public Library Association has partnered with TechSoup to offer a webinar on Wednesday, May 4th, at 1:00 PM CDT (10 AM Alaska time) geared towards small and/or rural libraries. The webinar will include guests from Calvert Library in Maryland who will share their experience using Project Outcome. Learn more about this webinar and register for free at <http://www.techsoupforlibraries.org/events/>.

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